

REMARKS

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, claim 4 has been amended to avoid the lack of an antecedent basis for the term "the rolling mill". For this reason, it is requested that this ground of rejection be withdrawn.

In paragraph 9 of the Office Action, claims 4-7 were identified as being allowable and were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. In response, claims 1-2 and 4 have been canceled and the substance of claims 3 and 4 have been combined. It is believed that this Amendment has avoided the bases for the rejections of the claims over the prior art and favorable action is requested.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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